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Dear Josh:

It has finally been possible to seriously consider the November symposium program. The enclosed proposed schedule and general suggestions will give you some indication of what seems to me the best possible organization, and the general approach.

I'd appreciate your opinion on this proposal, some indication of what you plan to cover in your presentation, and your suggestions for the discussion periods, especially regarding the organization, your participation, and other desirable discussants.

In general, I feel that the most valuable and interesting part of a symposium is the discussion, provided that it can be kept relatively informal and directly pertinent. It would seem to me that the success of our discussion sessions will depend a) on the organization of the preceding papers to provide the background and orientation and to suggest the areas and questions to be discussed, and b) on the cooperation and participation of all of us in the discussion.

I would like to suggest that each speaker send me a brief resume or outline of his talk, and his suggestions on the scope and organization of the discussions, preferably including specific questions which he or others to be suggested could discuss. I would then better be able to coordinate the discussions in line with the suggestions.

With very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Tatum

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**Proposed modified program on Gene-Enzyme Relation**

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| 1:50 | Chairman's remarks                                 | 10 minutes |
| 2:00 | Hershey  | 30 minutes |
| 2:30 | Hotchkiss  | 30 minutes |
| 3:00 | Comments and discussion<br>(Demerec, and Yanofsky) | 25 minutes |
| 3:25 | Intermission                                       | 15 minutes |
| 3:45 | Horowitz   | 30 minutes |
| 4:10 | Yanofsky   | 20 minutes |
| 4:30 | Lederberg, commentary                              | 20 minutes |
| 4:50 | Other comments, discussion                         | 20 minutes |
| 5:10 | Adjournment  |            |

Emphasis of first portion and discussion on the nature of the gene, and its divisibility, and in the second on gene-enzyme relations, with a longer total discussion period in which it would be hoped that participants in the morning session, and especially in the afternoon session will participate.